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1. This written opinion is the **second** drawn up by this International Preliminary Examining Authority.
2. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Basis of the opinion
II	<input type="checkbox"/>	Priority
III	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
IV	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of unity of invention
V	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
VI	<input type="checkbox"/>	Certain documents cited
VII	<input type="checkbox"/>	Certain defects in the international application
VIII	<input type="checkbox"/>	Certain observations on the international application
3. The applicant is hereby invited to reply to this opinion.

When? See the time limit indicated above. The applicant may, before the expiration of that time limit, request this Authority to grant an extension, see Rule 66.2(d).

How? By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9.

Also: For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4.
For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4 bis.
For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6.

If no reply is filed, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.
4. The final date by which the international preliminary examination report must be established according to Rule 69.2 is: 21.02.2005

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WRITTEN OPINIONInternational application No. **PCT/SG 03/00217****I. Basis of the opinion**

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed"*):

Description, Pages

1-9 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-18 as originally filed

Drawings, Sheets

1/6-6/6 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This opinion has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)).

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

WRITTEN OPINIONInternational application No. **PCT/SG 03/00217****V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1, 3, 10, 12
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2, 4-9, 11, 13-18
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations**see separate sheet**

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-B-6 412 0041 (DEAN DAWSON FRANK ET AL) 25 June 2002 (2002-06-25)

D2: WO 02/09431 A (DIGITALDECK INC) 31 January 2002 (2002-01-31)

1. The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of independent claims 1 (method) and 10 (system) is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT due to the following reasons:

- 1.1 With respect to claim 1, D1 discloses (references in parentheses applying to D1):

A data acquisition source management method for managing acquisition sources, the data acquisition source management method comprising the steps of : generating a source list for containing at least one acquisition source by a Real-time Multimedia Data On Demand "RTMDOD" server, each of the at least one acquisition source contained in the source list being for provision of data therefrom and being in data communication with the RTMDOD server (col. 6, lines 6-12); providing the source list to a data requestor system, the source list being provided by the RTMDOD server in response to the RTMDOD server receiving a list request from the data requestor system, the data requestor system being in data communication with the RTMDOD server; and receiving a data request from the data requestor system by the RTMDOD server, the data request being a request for data from one or more of the at least one acquisition source being registered on the source list and being indicated thereby (col. 10, lines 32-60; .

Therefore, D1 fully anticipates the subject matter of claim 1.

Similar reasoning applies for corresponding system claim 10.

- 1.2 The additional subject matter of dependent claims 3 and 12 is also fully anticipated by D1. (see D1, fig. 6a and 6b)
2. The additional subject matter of dependent claims 2, 4-9, 11 and 13-18 refers to a number of features among which:
the data being delivered to the client via the multimedia meta-server (RTMDOD);
the client first having to be authorised before acquiring the data from the server.
However these features are well known in the art of client-server systems and

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constitute merely obvious design options to the man skilled in the art, as for example shown in D2 (see page 4, lines 22-23; page 9, lines 22-24).

Therefore the subject-matter of claims 2, 4-9, 11 and 13-18 does not involve an inventive step in the sense of Article 33(3) PCT.